

NSA review completed

proposals reviewed in their agencies, and to provide the SECOM staff concurrences or comments. (C)

ACTION: SECOM members are requested to have the proposals reviewed by persons in their agencies responsible for SCI and ADP security, and to provide their concurrences or comments in writing to the SECOM staff not later than 11 September 1985. (U)

### ITEM 3 New Business

25X1 A. [ ] noted that there was some concern in the Community about the impact on security of reported reductions in the number of investigations for SCI access (SBIs) which the Defense Investigative Service (DIS) will do. He said this could lead to pressures to waive investigative requirements in order to satisfy immediate operational needs. [ ] advised that NSA asked the Secretary of Defense to waive these reductions. He said they would have a severe impact on contractors. CAPT Horn said the concomitant DoD requirement to reduce clearances by 10 percent was levied against each contractor, eliminating the potential for flexibility to meet needs. [ ] said the first DIS notice on the reductions caused concern in OSD about the potential for such things as liability for Defense from contractor charges of interfering in contract performance capability. A revised notice was sent out. This allows for new contracts and changes to existing ones. It also involves COTRs directly in contractor clearance reviews. CAPT Horn noted the rigidity of the requirement for a 10 percent cut in clearances. [ ] countered that Defense had not directed a 10 percent cut in SCI accesses as such - only a 10 percent cut in clearances of all kinds, apportioned as appropriate. [ ] observed that NSA can't cut any clearances without RIF-ing employees. Col. Gallo and CAPT Horn discussed the impact of the dual cuts - in clearances and the number of SBIs which would be conducted. Mr. Rubino advised that Justice is asking for more investigations on those personnel whose SBIs are past due for updating. LTC Riccardi recalled comments made at the first SECOM seminar for SCI adjudicators about the number of cases in which SCI accesses had to be withdrawn when completed SBIs showed derogatory information not known when emergency access was granted to meet operational needs. This was at a time when DIS was behind in completing SBIs. [ ] said that sort of situation can be alleviated by administering polygraph examinations to those needing prompt access. He asked [ ] if SECOM needed to do anything about the problems cited. [ ] said he thought the situation would be resolved internally, but promised to contact [ ] after checking with his superiors. [ ] suggested an alerting note to the DCI stating that security professionals are concerned about the impact of the cuts. (C)

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B. Col. Gallo said the Army has a new Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Lt. Gen. Sidney T. Weinstein, who has an extensive counter-intelligence and HUMINT background. Col. Gallo advised that Army varied the 10 percent cut in clearances as individual cases warranted - applied cuts ranged from one to 94 percent. He said the cuts might not increase security, but they do get management attention to the subject. (FOUO)

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